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Marc Spector. Steven Grant. Jake Lockley. Each a distinct personality of one man vying for control. Spector, the original personality, has asserted his dominance and fights to retain that control. But years ago, as a mercenary, Spector died in Egypt under a statue of the moon god **Khonshu.** In the shadow of the ancient deity, Marc returned to life. From then on, Marc took on a new aspect in honor of Khonshu, dedicating his second life to fighting crime as…

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PART 6

Marc Spector finally reached peace, crafting an accord with the other personalities in his head. But that all came crashing down when the Sun King, a psychotic criminal who believes himself an aspect of Ra, discovered one of Marc's personalities, Jake Lockley, had a child with Marc's former flame, Marlene.

The Sun King teamed up with Bushman and the Truth to kidnap Marlene and lure Marc to Isla Ra. Marc left his newly discovered daughter with Frenchie and followed the villains. Once on the island, Marc and the Sun King engaged in a battle of wills wherein the Sun King broke Marc's spirit and made him doubt everything he thought he knew.

Now a new day dawns, and a ritual is being prepared. A ritual to destroy Khonshu, Marc, and everything they've ever loved in the all-powerful flames of Ra's risen sun.

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ISLA RA.

WHUMP

UNGH!

SAY IT.

SAY IT AND BELIEVE.

THE MOON...

...THE MOON CAN'T SAVE ME NOW.

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NO!
PLEASE!

DEAR MISTER KHONSHU.

UNCLE JAKE USED TO TELL ME STORIES ABOUT THE THINGS YOU CAN DO.

THAT YOU'RE A GOD. SO I'M GOING TO PRAY TO YOU TONIGHT.

"PLEASE DON'T LET THE BAD MEN KILL MY DADDY.

"I THINK I LOVE HIM, SO THAT WOULD BE PRETTY UNFAIR.

"I KNOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT LOST PEOPLE.

"BUT I JUST FOUND MY DADDY AND I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM AGAIN.

"SO MAYBE YOU CAN HELP HIM ANYWAY.

"AND PLEASE LET HIM SAVE MY MOMMY.

"I KNOW HE CAN BECAUSE SHE'S BEAUTIFUL AND THAT'S WHAT SUPER HEROES DO.

"SAVE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS."

YOUR TIME'S UP, SPECTOR.

THEN WE CAN FINALLY BE A FAMILY.

BLESS YOU, KHONSHU.

AMEN.

DIATRICE, SHE...REALLY DOESN'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER.
HEH. SHE'S GOT YOU PLAYING TALK-PRETEND YET?
AT LEAST... 50-MINUTE SESSIONS.
HEH.
THE PLOTLINES ARE... ELABORATE.
WE COULD SELL SOME OF THE STUFF...TO NETFLIX.
MARLENE, YOU KNOW THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT.
I KNOW. HE...*HE'S* DIFFERENT.
I KNOW BECAUSE I'M ACTUALLY SCARED.
PLEASE, D-DON'T LET HER FORGET ME.
STOP.
YOU STOP.
PROMISE.
I PROMISE.

OOF!

KICK

MARC.

THANK YOU.

WITHOUT YOU, THIS WORLD... AND I...WOULD BE DOOMED.

I WOULD BE CONFINED TO A WHITE ROOM, SOILING MYSELF EVERY OTHER NIGHT, DREAMING OF COAL-DARK EMPTINESS TO STRIP MYSELF OF MY MEMORIES.

MY *CALLING.*

BUT YOU *EXISTED!*

YOU TRIED SO HARD TO CONTROL YOURSELF, ALL THE WHILE ENSURING YOUR SACRIFICE IN A RITUAL YOU COULDN'T EVEN BE AWARE OF.

THE DEATH OF ALL THINGS PATHETIC AND WISTFUL AND CONFUSED.

THE *REBIRTH OF THE SUN.*

SO, FIGHT LIKE YOU MEAN IT.

AND MAYBE IF YOU TRY AS HARD AS YOU CAN AND I FEEL IT'S GENUINE...

...I WON'T HUNT DOWN YOUR DAUGHTER AFTER I STRIP OFF YOUR FLESH.

RAAAAAA!!!

OOOF.

FWOOSH

GRRRRRR!

WHUP

FWASH

AAAAH!

WHAM

FWASH

AND SO HERE WE ARE.

AT THE END.

NO!

NO.

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, KHONSHU.

LOOK AROUND US. WE'RE JUST FAINT FIRINGS OF HIS SYNAPSES NOW.

HIS DEFENSE AGAINST THE DARKNESS, AS WE HAVE BEEN SINCE HIS CHILDHOOD, AND... OUR CONNECTION IS NEARLY SEVERED.

HE IS ALONE NOW, SAVE FOR DEATH ITSELF.

THIS IS TOTALLY $%^&.

AFTER ALL THE WORK HE PUT IN.

EVERYTHING HE'S BEEN THROUGH... AND I LET HIM KNOW DIATRICE, AND...

LOOK, ARE WE EVEN REAL? DID YOUR SUN GOD FATHER REALLY GIVE THAT PSYCHO POWERS OR IS HE JUST SOME MUTANT OR... INHUMAN WHO'S AS CRAZY AS US?

HAVEN'T YOU EVER *BELIEVED* IN SOMETHING?

I'M AS REAL TO MARC AS THE BOND OF MARRIAGE IS TO TWO LOVERS.

AS REAL AS THE STING OF MADNESS, A DRUG-INDUCED VISION.

AS REAL AS THE WILL TO DO ANYTHING BUT CURL UP AND DIE ON THE FLOOR.

AS REAL AS ANY STORY YOU'VE HEARD AND *KNOWN* AS TRUTH WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TO SEE.

AS IS RA.

HAVEN'T YOU EVER *BELIEVED* IN SOMETHING?

I...

...WAIT.

DIATRICE.

KHONSHU.

ARE YOU SAYING...NOT THAT WE'RE GETTING UNBELIEVABLY ABSTRACT HERE...

...IF SUN KING'S BELIEF IS A PART OF HIM, AND IN SOME WEIRD METATEXTUAL WAY RELATES TO HIS ABILITIES, THAT, IN A WAY...

...MARC HAS POWERS OF HIS OWN?

PERSISTENCE IN THE FACE OF DARKNESS? HIS INTELLIGENCE? HIS WILL?

THE TENACIOUS DURABILITY OF THE POOR GUY'S THICK SKIN?

HOLY @#%$...

"...WE HAVE THE POWER OF CRAZY!"

CRACK

DO YOU FEAR ME YET?

RA.

DO YOU FEAR ME?

FSSSS

DO YOU $%^& FEAR ME?!?!?!

Y-Y-YES...

FWOOSH

YEEEESSSSS.

NEVER TRUST A MADMAN TO DO A MERCENARY'S JOB.

THE FIRE. IT'S NOT WORKING.

I...I CAN'T...

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME?

I CONVINCED YOU.

NOW *BOW BEFORE ME,* YOU HORRIBLE BASTARD.

THUS ENDS THE REIGN OF THE SUN KING.

OW. OW!

NOT SO BADASS WHEN YOU'RE NOT FACED WITH LOSING EVERYTHING YOU LOVE, ARE YOU?

UGH. I JUST WANT TO GET HOME AND LISTEN TO KATY PERRY OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

IT SOUNDS LIKE A BLESSING ABOUT NOW.

SO YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE...

THE MAN'S CAUSE IS DEAD TO ME. PROVEN FALSE BY HIS IMPOTENCE.

I WOULD UNDO ANY AFFILIATION I HAD WITH HIM.

AND AFTER THAT?

I'VE FOUND THE FACTS OF LIFE TO BE MORE... ***MALLEABLE*** THAN I REALIZED.

MAYBE WITH SOME TIME IN A ROOM BY MYSELF...I MIGHT REASSESS MY PURPOSE.

WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO SUDDENLY BECOME CHARLES XAVIER AND PRETEND I HAVE SOME GRAND PLAN FOR EVERYTHING NOW.

ALL OF YOU JUST GOT STUCK ON A DESERT ISLAND BECAUSE YOU LET YOURSELF GET CONVINCED OF A BUNCH OF CRAP BY A COMPLETELY MAD SUPER VILLAIN.

UNLIKE THE SO-CALLED SUN KING, I DON'T CLAIM TO HAVE ANY ANSWERS. IN FACT, I MOST DEFINITELY ***LACK*** THEM.

SUN KING CONVINCED ME OF ONE THING...

EVERY KNIGHT NEEDS A FEW WILLING WARRIORS TO AID HIM IN BATTLE.

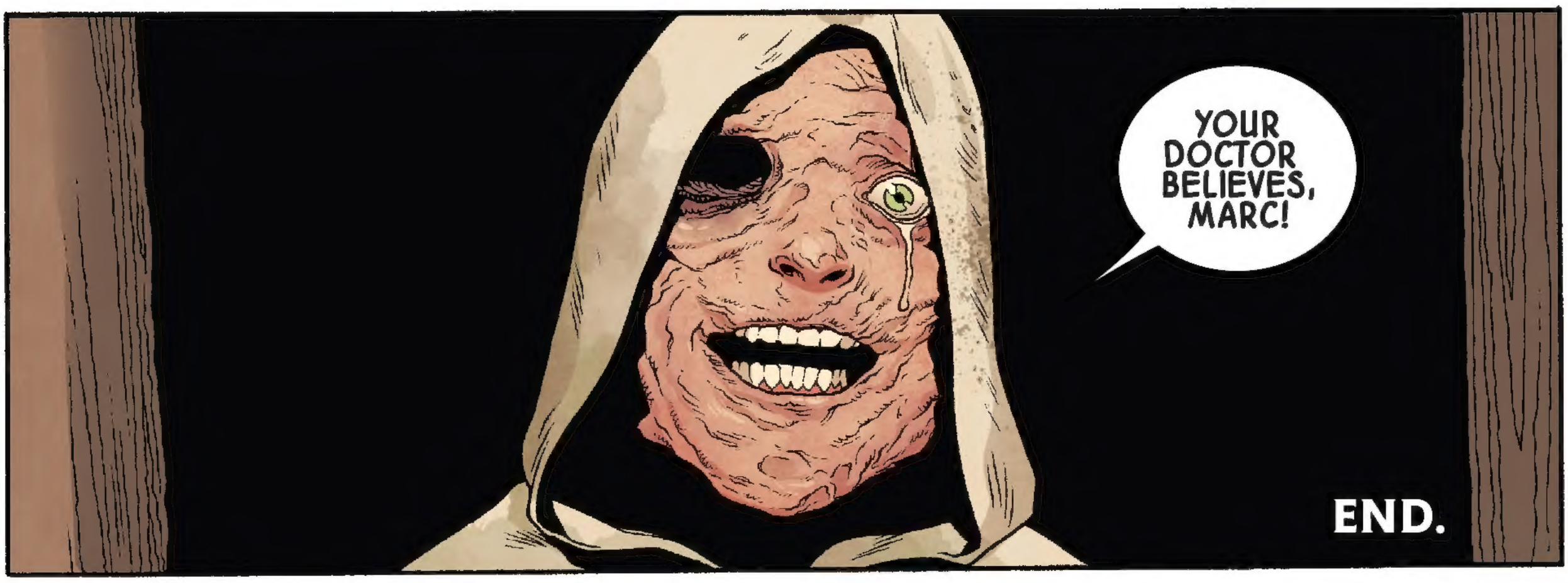
I'M WILLING TO SERVE AS AN ADVISOR. TO HELP YOU FIGHT BACK AGAINST BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF LIKE THIS AGAIN.

SO I HAVE TO ASK...

...ANYONE HERE LOOK GOOD IN WHITE?

I BELIEVE...

I BELIEVE...


YOUR DOCTOR BELIEVES, MARC!
END.

NEXT MONTH:

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WHAT BROKE THE BOY... AND MADE THE KNIGHT.

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